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Many children not ready for kindergarten

A large percentage of kindergarten students in Lee County have not been prepared for that experience, the Lee County School Board learned Tuesday night.

Instructional Supervisor and Southside Elementary Principal Steve Carroll said that 85 percent of the students entering Southside kindergarten are not ready. He said that 50 percent of the girls are not prepared, which means that a much larger percentage of boys are not prepared.

Beattyville Elementary Principal Maureen Patrick said that 73 percent of the incoming kindergarten students at her school were not ready. However, she said that at this time of the school year 91 percent of the kindergarten students are at grade level in reading.

School Board Chair William Owens asked Carroll who is at fault for the young people not being ready.

Carroll said he did not want to say it was anyone's fault. He said the cause is "exposure."

Owens, who is a member of the state school board, said the problem is statewide.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, Blanton Coates of Codell Construction said that the plumbing contractor has been installing pipe for the sewer system at Southside Elementary. He said that has to be done before the building pad can begin.

Owens asked about the condition of the land upon which the addition is to be constructed. A few months ago the board learned that some of the dirt was fill, and so then unstable.

Coates said that the building would be placed on solid soil.

"We don't build buildings on bad dirt," he said.

The architect, Chuck Murphy, said the fill dirt would be removed and set aside. The building would be constructed on "good sub grade."

Owens said he wanted to be sure that "we were getting on the right dirt."

The board approved a draft budget for the next school year. Finance Officer Zina Gibson said that as of now a carryover would be \$514,000. However, she said she expects that to change.

Carroll reported that the Governor's School for the Arts is to work with some teachers to get some arts instruction into the schools.

Independent auditor Rupert White said the district did an excellent job with its finances, and so then received a solid audit.

Director of Pupil Personnel Ray Shuler reported that three days and one hour have so far been missed. That means that if nothing else happens, students' last day of school would be May 7.

Superintendent Dr. James Evans, Jr. reported that Bretagne Oil made a \$2,000 donation to Lee County High School athletics.

The board agreed to join with other school boards to request that Kentucky Utilities not raise electric rates for school districts. The company has a request before the Kentucky Public Service Commission for a rate increase.

Bob Chenoweth was hired again to be the board's attorney. He charges \$125 an hour, but does not charge a retainer.

Jenna Dunaway and Kennedy Lambert, sixth grade students at Lee County Middle, were recognized for being invited to Northern Kentucky University where they were honored and treated to a special few days. The invitation came from NKU's president who was impressed with the girls when he visited Lee County.



Kennedy Lambert (left) and Jenna Dunaway share some of the experiences they had at Northern Kentucky University. Superintendent Dr. James Evans, Jr., looks on during Tuesday night's Lee County School Board meeting.



Lee County School Board members were honored Tuesday night for their service. (Left to right) Lamont Coldiron, Larry Burgess, William Owens, Janie Thorpe and Curt Davis.



Former judge Tom Jones and legal secretary Tiffany Napier move back into the life of private attorney and his assistant.

Mr. Jones becomes a private attorney

By Edmund Shelby
(This article contains observations by the writer.)

After eight years, Tom Jones has left the bench. Known by some as a "hanging judge," Jones was fair but stern. Defendants were given one chance. Make another mistake and Jones sent people off to prison.

Many times, over those eight years, Jones would tell defendants who made a second mistake that they had agreed to a term before probation of diversion, and now they were going to serve it.

The Lee County criminal court docket typically had 80 or more cases on it when Jones took office. He leaves it with the number of cases being half of that.

In a recent interview, Jones says that being a judge was "very different" from what he thought it might be.

"I always thought circuit judge would be an easy job," he said.

He didn't know how much research would be involved.

"I found myself working all the time. At home I would be up at 1 a. m. to 2 a. m., at least for the first four to five years. Even last week (his last week on the bench) I had to work late."

His son, who was eight when Jones was sworn in, "had to have heard 'wait a minute' more than anyone else in the state of Kentucky," he says.

Jones says that when he first went in to office he thought he knew everything. He had been a county

attorney for 13 years, had prosecuted cases, argued before the state Supreme Court.

Madison County Circuit Judge Julia Adams told him to call her if he had any questions. He didn't think that was going to be necessary.

However, it wasn't long before he was on the phone.

"There were so many things I didn't know."

An example, he was to have a competency hearing, and he called Judge Adams about allowing or excluding the public when medical testimony would be presented.

She advised to keep the public out during that facet of the hearing, but allow them in for the rest.

Another case, also involving public access to the legal process, was the question of sealed indictments.

He wondered if he just wrote "sealed" and left it there.

Judge Adams advised that he set a time limit, 30 days seemed appropriate, to seal indictments.

Asked if there were any cases that bothered him, Jones says that there were three, one in each of the counties, Lee, Estill and Owsley.

"I think about them at least once a week, sometimes two to three times a week.

Would he do it again, seek the judgeship?

"I would do the eight years again. I would never give up what I did. I would not do 16 years. It's been a real experience.

To any new judge Jones says he would advise to be patient. Let everyone have a say.

Beattyville Housing wants Crystal Creek to grow

The possible expansion of the Crystal Creek Subdivision took center stage Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Beattyville City Council.

Beattyville Housing Director Wilma Kelly told members of the council that only one lot is left for construction, and preparations need to be underway for the next phase.

To that end, she said 10 extra lots would need 2,200 feed of curbing, approximately 275 tons of blacktop (two inches thick), DGA base coat of approximately 275 tons, 1,000 feet of six inch water main, one fire hydrant, two gate valves, 1,100 feed of three inch force main sewer with a three inch gate valve on the end of the line, and 11 grinder pumps with approximately 700 feet of service line.

Kelly said she had talked with State Sen. Robert Stivers about the needed expansion. She said he seemed to be willing to entertain some individuals going to Frankfort to seek some funding.

Total cost, Kelly estimates, for the infrastructure is between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Mayor John Smith said that he would be happy to reach out to Stivers to get his thoughts. He and Kelly discussed the possibility of applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Beattyville Housing has been responsible for the construction of 53 homes that add between \$5 million to \$5.5 million to the local tax base, Kelly said.

Smith asked if there is a need for more houses.

Kelly said that Beattyville Housing receives five to 10 inquiries each month from people wanting to buy houses. Not all of those people are capable of taking on the debt, she said.

Council Member Tyler Phillips said that he believes that a new home is more marketable than one that is used.

He then asked if there are still plans for a park in the area.

Smith said the funding that had been explored wanted a 100 percent match by the city, and there was not the money for that.

However, he said that possible funding could come from a Playful City grant. Beattyville has the status of a Playful City.

Phillips said that some rock climbers have expressed interest in buying homes here rather than spending year after year on camping or motels.

As an aside, Kelly said that her people were going to clean up an area near the subdivision where drug paraphernalia has been found. She said that a man on a walk counted eight to 10 needles in the area.

Beattyville Police Chief Greg Brandenburg said he also had found some paraphernalia in the area.

Smith said he, and possibly Kelly, would contact Sen. Stivers about funding sources.

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Rep. Howard sworn in

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, state Rep. Cluster Howard was sworn into office by Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton while Rep. Cluster’s wife Sandy held the Bible on which he took his oath. All House members were sworn into their two-year term that day. Rep. Howard is representing District 91, which includes Breathitt, Lee, Owsley, Estill, and a part of Madison County. **PHOTO CREDIT:** LRC Public Information

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By State Representative Cluster Howard

As your newly elected state representative, I want to report on my first week serving in the Kentucky General Assembly.

My first four days in Frankfort have been exciting, rewarding, challenging and busy. We began Tuesday by being sworn in by Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton at the speaker’s desk on the floor of the House of Representatives. It was a very emotional and proud moment and I was delighted to have my family in attendance.

We then conducted leadership races. Every two years leaders of both the majority and minority party are elected and this year the House Majority Caucus voted to keep three incumbents and elect two new leaders. Speaker Greg Stumbo, Majority Leader Rocky Adkins and Caucus Chair Sannie Overly will continue in their positions; Rep. Jody Richards will serve as the new speaker pro tem and Rep. Johnny Bell is our new caucus whip. I look forward to working with each of these fine individuals as they chart our legislative course.

The rest of the week was spent attending training, organizing my office, getting to know staff, meeting with my legislative colleagues and members of Governor Beshear’s administration, and concentrating on my

legislative priorities and thinking about which bills to file and support.

We received our committee assignments on Friday. These are decided upon by House Leadership, and our experience, background and districts are taken into consideration.

I am proud that I have been appointed to these committees: Economic Development, Education, Local Government, and Natural Resources & Environment.

Several major issues have emerged that we will address this session and we have much to contemplate in seeking legislative solutions.

Heroin continues to wreak havoc on Kentucky families and communities and lawmakers are committed to finding real solutions that stem the tide of addiction through public education, law enforcement, legislation and greater access to treatment. At least seven bills have been filed regarding heroin and I expect this issue will dominate our discussions throughout the session.

A bill that has been named House Bill 1 would allow voters to decide if they want to pay for new community projects by giving them the right to vote on those projects and their costs. LIFT, which stands for Local Investments for Transformation, would give communities the ability to add a temporary local

sales tax – up to a penny in Kentucky’s proposal. Funds are entirely dedicated to specific projects which could include parks, arenas, convention centers, firehouses or new infrastructure. Once the project is complete the additional one penny in sales tax goes away. This could be an exciting economic development tool for both urban and rural communities.

Other bills that will no doubt take turns on our legislative center stage this session include restoring voting rights of former felons, raising the minimum wage, establishing a statewide smoking ban, addressing the public pension systems, creating domestic violence protections for dating partners and approving medical marijuana.

One of the first votes I cast this week was in support of House Resolution 31 which honored C.D. Noland, Jr., who passed away in December. C.D. was a former state representative, tireless community advocate and great friend to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I was proud to support the resolution honoring his extraordinary life.

With more than 140 bills filed already I will keep you informed of their progress and how they will affect Kentuckians and our district in particular.

Governor Beshear gave his last State of the Commonwealth address focusing on

his administration’s accomplishments and outlining his legislative priorities. It was gratifying to hear of the outstanding progress he has achieved in his two terms, during Kentucky’s worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

We will return to Frankfort next month to begin Part II of the 2015 legislative session but in the interim I will concentrate on constituent concerns and study upcoming legislative issues.

My first week has been exhilarating and I am very much looking forward to the work that lies ahead. Beginning in February, I will keep you informed with these weekly legislative updates so check back in a few weeks for my next column.

If you’d like to contact me please call the Legislative Research Commission 502-564-8100. You can also plan to stay informed of legislative action by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state representative.

Housing from Front

Also during Monday night’s meeting, Phillips asked about security at high school basketball games. At the last meeting there had been some concern expressed about the need for more security.

Chief Brandenburg said that Norman Miller had told him he would be at the games. Also, Brandenburg said that Zack Fraley would be at some.

Council Member Mitch Cornelius asked if it is the city’s responsibility to provide security.

Brandenburg said it falls on his department.

Council Members Teresa Mays and Jon Allen said that the schools should shoulder some responsibility.

Smith said he would talk with the school superintendent about the issue and report back to the council.

He and Cornelius both said that the school system used to pay for their own security.

Brandenburg said that both Jackson County and Clay County still have that kind of

arrangement.

Smith gave a financial report that showed General Fund revenues are more than one half down from October to November. The reason, he said, is that property taxes had been paid and less is now coming in. October revenue was \$99,662. In November the city took in \$41,520.

Expenses dropped some from \$77,053 to \$75,256. However, that left a negative for the month of \$33,735. Year-to-date the Fund is \$80,586 to the good.

Citizen James Phillips asked about the recently expanded nuisance ordinance. He wanted to know how it would work.

Smith said that if a complaint comes in that the property would be examined. The property owner would then be contacted to correct any problems

Phillips also asked about council members touring the city limits. Tyler Phillips said he would be getting a guided tour.

Community Events

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets every Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. All are invited. For more information you may call 593-6948.

ATTN: All Food Service/Restaurant Employees

The Lee County Health Department will be conducting Food Handler classes Tuesday, January 20th 10 a.m. Food Manager Classes will be conducted at 1 p.m. The same classes will be held Thursday, January 22nd at the Owsley County Health Department, also 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

All food service employees must possess at least a food handler certification. All food service establishments must have at least one certified food manager on duty during hours of operation.

Note: Managers need only attend the afternoon class For further information contact Danny L. Arnold at 606-464-2492 or 606-593-5181

“Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers”
Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 11 am to 1 pm
(If no school due to inclement weather, gathering will be rescheduled for January 28, same time!)
Resurrection Home, Inc. 150 Resurrection Road, Beattyville, KY
All local grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren are invited. Come join us for good fun, food, and fellowship!!! Call 464-8481 for more information.



Eye to Eye
with David Blandford, M.D.

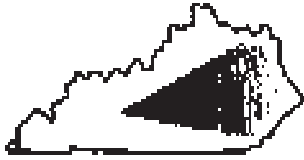
DETACHMENT ISSUES

Certain individuals are at increased risk for “retinal detachment,” which occurs when the delicate light-sensitive membrane (retina) separates from the back of the eye. People with a high degree of near sightedness are susceptible to this problem because their eyes are longer than average from front to back. Others at high risk for retinal detachment are those with a family history of the condition; cataract – and glaucoma-surgery patients; and diabetics (who are at risk for “diabetic retinopathy,” which leads to the formation of new blood vessels on the retina). While retinal detachment is a medical emergency, approximately 90% of cases are treatable. Early detection of symptoms such as the appearance of persistent flashes of bright light should prompt immediate treatment.

People who have only

slight retinal detachment can often still see fairly well, but if the detachment progresses it can lead to total loss of vision in the affected eye. As with any surgery, there will be an adjustment period. This can be frustrating at times, but patience and taking the right actions will lead to a full recovery. At **KENTUCKY EYE INSTITUTE**, located at **540 Jett Drive**, we are educated, trained, and licensed to provide total care of the eyes. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call **606-666-9393**. We specialize in “EYE CARE FOR ALL AGES.”

P.S. One warning sign of retinal detachment includes the appearance of an unusual amount of black dots (“floaters”) in the field of vision; a dark curtain spreading across the visual field; and new, unexplained blurred vision.



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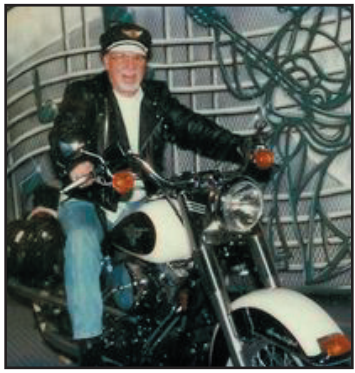
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Obituaries



Larry L. Lee

Larry L. Lee, age 77, husband of Doris (Campbell) Lee, passed away Tuesday, January 06, 2015 at the Greg and Noreen Wells Hospice Care Unit in Hazard, KY.

Larry was born March 11, 1937 in Cincinnati, OH, a son to the late Jerry and Dolores (Bradford) Lee. He was a police officer, working with private security in Cincinnati, OH. He was a member of the St. William Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Eagles Cincinnati, OH chapter. Larry enjoyed riding motorcycles and loved his family.

Along with his wife of 52 years, Doris, he is survived by 1 son; Lawrence Lee of Booneville, KY, 4 daughters; Virginia (Kermit) Neitzel of Georgetown, KY, Denise Sunderland of Cincinnati, OH, Dora Stuntebeck and Tammy Hicks both of London, KY, 1 brother; Cecil Lee of Jackson, KY, 19 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many other loving family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Jerry and Dolores Lee and 3 brothers; Robert E. Lee, Eugene Charles Lee and Jerry Lee.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 10, 2015 at the Booneville Funeral Home with Rev. J. Jamison Brunk officiating. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Booneville, KY. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made in Larry's memory to the Holy Family Catholic Church in Booneville, KY. To leave the family a special message please visit, www.boonevillekyfuneralhome.com.

The Booneville Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

MANSIONS

By Billy Davis

Real estate is a big business down here. It will not be so up there. There will be no real estate companies up there. Thank God and his provisions.

PRICELESS

We cannot buy this mansion; it is inherited. It is priceless. Actually we inherit it when we accept Him; as joint heirs with Jesus. "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17)

Yes, this mansion is priceless. There will be no mortgage companies up there. "And the streets of the city were pure gold." (Revelation 21:21)

PREPARED

Jesus said in I John 14, "In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (Verse 2)

So the mansion we are to receive in Heaven has been prepared – just for us – for it's particular tent. It is not a haphazard job, because it has the best ("I go") architect. I'm sure it will be better than we can imagine.

PERMANENT

Again, this mansion will never experience and decay. It is made of everlasting "gold." There will be no repairing. It will be of the same beauty, day after day. There will be no building inspectors.

There is a song, "Just give me a cabin in the corner of glory land." Another songwriter was more Biblical when he said, "I want a mansion over the hill top."



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606-560-0403**

A different view

By Betty Crabtree



If you read last week's article maybe you agree too that we are living in perilous times as the first verse of Chapter 3 in II Timothy says. Verses 1 – 9 speak of perilous times and perilous men. But how are we who are believers and followers of Christ Jesus to behave in perilous times?

Let me share with you from The Message Bible some verses. Chapter 2:14 – Warn (God's people) them before God against pious nitpicking, which chips away at the faith. It just wears everyone out. Verse 14 – Concentrate on doing your best for God, work you won't be ashamed of, laying out the truth plain and simple. Stay clear of pious talk that is only talk. Words are not mere words, you know. If they're not backed by a godly life, they accumulate as poison in the

soul. Verse 19 – Meanwhile, God's firm foundation is as firm as ever, these sentences engraved on the stones: God knows who belongs to Him. Shun evil, all you who name God as God.

Verse 22 – Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness – faith, love, peace – joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God. Verse 24 – God's servant must not be argumentative, but a gentle listener and a teacher who keeps cool, working firmly but patiently with those who refuse to obey. You never know how or when God might sober them up with a change of heart and a turning to the truth, enabling them to escape the Devil's trap, where they are caught and held captive, forced to run his errands.



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LEE COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Southside Honor Roll

Southside Elementary 2nd Six Weeks A/AB Honor Roll

First Grade	
A	A/B
Dylan Addison	Destiny Addison
Lexie Fox	Ryan Dunaway
Hayden Manns	Bailey Estes
Jasmine Raider	Alex Morris
Leanna Raines	Dalton Spaulding
Macy Smith	Makayleigh Ward
Cheyenne Tutt	

Fourth Grade	
A	A/B
Christian Bowling	Emily Campbell
Jaiden Hunter	Ruby Capps
	Jack Fox
	Moriah Mashburn
	Matthew Murrell
	Jake Tutt
	Zachary Watterson

Second Grade	
A	A/B
Allyson Bowling	Skyler Allen
Alexa Cowley	Kaleigh Benson
Chancey Deaton	Anna Claire Bishop
Lauren Dunaway	Mason Stamper
Cayden Fox	Kirstin Stepp
Makala Keith	
Emily Phillips	
Kaison Phillips	
Brooklyn Thompson	

Fifth Grade	
A	A/B
Nicolas Charles	Shelby Carothers
Shelbi Stamper	Connor Deaton
	Taylor Thacker



Third Grade	
A	A/B
Charlie Lyons	Easton Chrisman
Tyler Greenlee	Xavier Moore
	Landon Noble
	Rylee Phillips
	Allison Raines
	Bailee Wright

Southside Elementary 3rd Six Weeks A/AB Honor Roll

First Grade	
A	A/B
Bailey Estes	Destiny Addison
Hayden Manns	Dylan Addison
Jasmine Raider	Garrett Blanton
Macy Smith	Ryan Dunaway
Cheyenne Tutt	Lexie Fox
Makayleigh Ward	Brianna Watts
	Cole Wilder

Fourth Grade	
A	A/B
Christian Bowling	Hannah Barrett
Jaiden Hunter	Ruby Capps
	Jack Fox
	Harley Gentry
	Moriah Mashburn
	Matthew Murrell
	Zachery Watterson
	Kaley White

Second Grade	
A	A/B
Allyson Bowling	Skyler Allen
Alexa Cowley	Kaleigh Benson
Chancey Deaton	Anna Claire Bishop
Lauren Dunaway	Mason Stamper
Cayden Fox	Kirstin Stepp
Makayla Keith	
Emily Phillips	
Kaison Phillips	
Brooklyn Thompson	

Fifth Grade	
A	A/B
Nicolas Charles	Shelby Carothers
Shelbi Stamper	Connor Deaton
	Landon Foister
	Taylor Thacker
	Chelsea Thorpe

Third Grade	
A	A/B
Charles Lyons	Kelly Capps
Allison Raines	Tyler Greenlee
	Xavier Moore
	Landon Noble
	Rylee Phillips
	Bailee Wright



Applications now being accepted to Rogers Explorers

The Center for Rural Development is accepting on-line applications for the 2015 Rogers Explorers summer youth leadership program; deadline is Feb. 15

Eighth-grade middle school students in Lee County have until Feb. 15 to apply online for The Center for Rural Development's 2015 Rogers Explorers summer youth leadership program.

Rogers Explorers, an intensive three-day, two-night program held on the campuses of six Kentucky colleges and universities, focuses on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service.

This is the first year students have been able to apply online for the Rogers Explorers program. The online registration process is easy, user friendly, and allows students to fill out the application form at their convenience.

"We have not changed the application form, but we have changed the way students apply for Rogers Explorers," said youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens. "We will no longer accept mailed or emailed applications. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted online to be considered for the 2015 Rogers Explorers program."

To apply for Rogers Explorers, visit www.centeryouth-programs.com and register through the online application portal. Once students have registered and signed in, they will be able to begin the application process.

As part of the online application process, students will download individual "assignments" to their computers, complete the requested information, and then submit each assignment online. Students will receive an email confirmation once they submit each assignment.

A step-by-step instructional video is available at the top of the application page to help registered applicants navigate the online application process and learn more about the web-based system.

All online "assignments" must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2015. Students will not be able to submit individual assignments after that date.

"The Rogers Explorers program gives students the skills they need to start building careers in some of today's top, in-demand fields," said Stephens. "Activities are both educational and fun. Classroom projects are hands-on, and Explorers are able to actively participate in practical college courses, fine tune their leadership skills, and develop a network of friends and resources throughout Southern and Eastern Ken-

tucky."

The Rogers Explorers program is presented by The Center in partnership with Asbury University, University of the Cumberland, Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and its newest partner, University of Pikeville.

For more information on the online application process or the Rogers Explorers program, contact Delaney Stephens at 606-677-6000 or email youth@centertech.com. The program, open to current eighth-grade students within The Center's 45-county primary service area, is provided free of charge to participants.

Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture. The Center is committed to constantly expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.

Ag poster contest deadline Jan. 27

Agriculture Commissioner James Comer reminds Kentucky students that they have until Jan. 27 to submit entries to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's 2015 Poster and Essay Contest. The theme is "Kentucky Agriculture: Growing the Next Generation of Farmers."

"Kentucky needs more young farmers to carry on for older farmers who are retiring or scaling back," Commissioner Comer said. "We hope this contest will inspire some of Kentucky's young people to go into farming or look into some of the

many other exciting careers in agriculture."

Students are asked to submit either a poster, an essay, or a digital image based on the contest theme. Statewide poster and essay winners from each grade, kindergarten through 12th, will be chosen, and an overall digital winner will be selected. Cash prizes will be presented to the winners in March at the Kentucky Agriculture Day Celebration, and their work will be displayed at the Kentucky State Fair in August.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 27. A completed entry form

must be taped or glued to the back of each entry. The name of the teacher and school must accompany each entry. Winners will be notified on Feb. 20.

The contest is conducted by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in partnership with Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Inc.

For more information, including complete contest rules and entry forms, go to www.kyagr.com/agcontest or contact Agriculture Education Coordinator Jordan L. Spalding at (502) 782-4125 or jordan.spalding@ky.gov.

Kentucky students can win \$1,500 toward college, \$500 for their school

Kentucky students in grades K-6 have the opportunity to win \$1,500 toward college and \$500 for their school in the "Dream Out Loud Challenge." Students are invited to submit an original drawing, poem, essay or video answering the question: "How will I change the world after I go to college?"

The annual challenge, sponsored by the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT), is intended to encourage Kentucky families to start saving and planning for higher education with their children.

The contest has two categories: drawing or video and essay or poem. One winner will be chosen from each category in grades K-1, grades 2-3 and grades 4-6.

The winning students will receive a \$1,500 KESPT college savings account, and their schools will win \$500. The contest runs from Jan. 19 through March 20. Entries must be postmarked by March 20 and received by March 25.

"This is the sixth year we have sponsored the Dream Out Loud Challenge. In the past five years, we received nearly 8,000 entries from students all over Kentucky," KESPT administrator David Lawhorn said. "This has been a great way to promote saving early for college because the challenge starts family discussions about how college can help children make their dreams come true."

KESPT is Kentucky's official college savings plan. It is administered by the

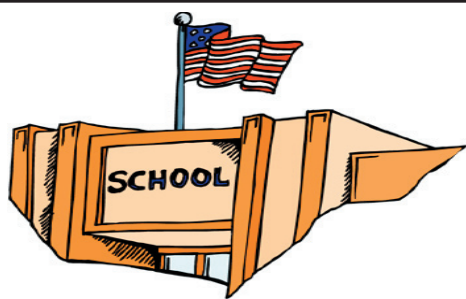
Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing. The plan helps parents, grandparents and others invest in a child's future college education.

Visit www.kysaves.com/DreamOutLoud to learn more about the challenge, including official rules and a complete description of entry requirements. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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News - Local/regional

Hospice relocates Booneville office

Hospice Care Plus has re-located its Booneville-based staff to its central office in Berea, and has placed its Booneville office building on the market.

Hospice Care Plus continues to serve patients and families in Lee and Owsley counties, in addition to Estill, Jackson, Madison and Rockcastle.

According to Brenna Wall-hausser, director of public relations with Hospice, the organization has a deep and long commitment to Lee and Owsley.

“The decision to relocate our Lee/Owsley-area staff to Berea was a very difficult one, but our commitment to Beattyville, Booneville, and all parts of the counties is strong. We have a long history of service here, wonderful relationships with so many people, and strong partnerships with several local organizations, businesses and churches. That history will continue for a very long time.”

CEO Gail McGillis says the decision to relocate the Lee/Owsley staff is a direct result of changes in Medicare reimbursement to hospice programs.

“Hospices around the country—including ours—have faced several cuts to reimbursement from Medicare,” said McGillis. “All hospices have had to make difficult decisions in order to make up for that reduction in revenue, which never fully covered the cost of care even before it was reduced.

It’s heartbreaking for us to relocate the Lee/Owsley staff, but we know it’s best for the financial health of our organization. We have to remain financially strong to achieve our mission—to help patients and families at the end of life.”

To offset the reimbursement cuts, Hospice implemented several cost-savings strategies before making the decision to relocate the Lee/Owsley staff, said McGillis. The organization chose not to fill some positions when employees left or retired, especially when they were non-patient care positions. In some cases, internal employees were moved into those roles. A small number of staff were laid-off in 2014, a first for the 33-year-old organization. Some staff benefits were reduced and a few staff voluntarily requested a lower salary. The organization also renegotiated several vendor contracts for better rates, raised its fundraising goals, and asked every one of its departments to cut a portion of their budgets.

“Our priority is to make sure our patient and family care remains top-notch, here in Lee and Owsley counties and in each county we serve. Every decision has been made with that in the forefront of our minds,” said McGillis. “As a non-profit, that’s our mission.”

Beattyville resident Tina Hesketh, a social worker and supervisor with Hospice Care Plus, was the manager of the Booneville office for several

years. She says the minor inconveniences to staff who now must commute to Berea are the least of their concerns.

“It was definitely easier to drive to work before the relocation,” said Hesketh. “But this was, without question, the right thing to do for the patients and families we serve. It ensures that we have the resources necessary to give them the best care, and that’s what matters most to all of us at Hospice. We love the work we do and we treasure the patients and families we serve.”

McGillis says all the changes Hospice has made to help with the financial situation have been successful.

“It’s certainly been a challenge, but the changes we’ve made are working. At the end of 2014, we noticed a definite improvement. Now, as we start off 2015, it looks as if it will be a much stronger year financially. That’s good news not just for the health of our organization, but also for every patient and family member we’re blessed to care for.”

To reach Hospice Care Plus, Lee and Owsley residents can call 1-800-806-5492, the toll-free number to the Berea office.

Hospice Care Plus is Lee and Owsley counties’ provider of hospice, palliative and bereavement care. To learn more, visit hospicecp.org or call the toll-free number.

Be wary of student loan repayment companies

If you owe money on federal student loans, you should be wary of sales pitches from companies offering to help borrowers lower their payments, warns the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Such companies charge fees — sometimes high fees — for filling out forms that you can do for free. Many will want to charge monthly fees for monitoring your loans. Again, you can do that for free.

The best place to start is the servicer that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has assigned your loan to. Your servicer can tell you what your options are and can help you with the forms you need. If you need help finding your servicer, you can go to www.nslds.ed.gov and retrieve your loan information.

You can also go directly to the ED website at www.ed.gov and click on the link titled “Student loans, forgiveness.” Under that link you’ll find links to detailed information about all of your options.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of “It’s Money, Baby,” a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.



Announcement

Congratulations to Thomas Andrew Ross, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Ross of Beattyville, KY., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew LaMont Ross of Oracle, Arizona.

Thomas completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Arts from Southwest University of Visual Arts in Tucson, Arizona, December 2014. He is now employed as a graphic artist in Tucson, Arizona.

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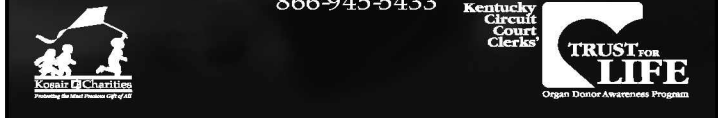
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This week at the State Capital

By Robert Weber (LRC)

It was clear this week as the 2015 legislative session convened with numerous new faces in both the House and Senate. The larger-than-usual freshmen class includes six new senators (two of whom previously served in the House) and 11 new House members (one of whom previously served in that chamber.)

That starting line was a crowded place this week with more than 250 bills filed in the Senate and House combined.

In the House, a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow local-option sales taxes was filed as House Bill 1. The measure would let voters to decide on a constitutional amendment to help permit communities to implement a temporary sales tax of a penny or less to raise money for a specific project.

At the other end of the Capitol, Senate Bill 1 got off to a fast start by earning approval of the Senate just days after its introduction. The measure would make Kentucky a right-to work state, meaning that people could work at unionized shops without paying dues to an organized labor group. Supporters argue that right-to-work states have a strong edge in job creation while opponents question the quality of life in right-to-work states. SB 1 now goes to the House for consideration.

Although numerous bills started moving through the legislative process this week, there was also much attention on what’s known as the “organizational” work that takes place in the first week of odd-year sessions. Committee assignments were made, rules of procedure were adopted and chamber leaders were

selected.

There was a mix of both change and continuity in leadership elections. The top leaders in both the Senate and House remain the same with this week’s re-election of Senate President Robert Stivers and House Speaker Greg Stumbo to their leadership posts. But there were changes in each chamber’s “pro tem” positions – the leadership spot with duties to preside when a chamber’s top leader is absent or unavailable.

Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, was selected as Senate President Pro Tempore. Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, -- a former House Speaker -- was chosen to serve as House Speaker Pro Tempore.

Democratic and Republican caucuses also announced their leadership lineups in each chamber.

In the Senate, leaders are: Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer of Georgetown; Minority Floor Leader Ray Jones of Pikeville; Majority Caucus Chair Dan Seum of Louisville; Minority Caucus Chair Gerald Neal; Majority Whip Jimmy Higdon and Minority Whip Julian Carroll.

The House lineup includes: Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook, Minority Floor Leader Jeffrey Hoover of Jamestown; Majority Caucus Chair Sannie Overly of Paris; Minority Caucus Chair Stan Lee of Lexington; Majority Whip Johnny Bell of Glasgow; and Minority Whip Jim DeCesare of Bowling Green.

The first week of the session also brought House and Senate members together for a joint session in which they heard Gov. Steve Beshear’s final State of the Commonwealth address

– a one-hour speech with a signature line declaring: “Kentucky is back, and we’re back with a vengeance.”

The governor outlined his goals for the legislative session in his speech, just as numerous lawmakers have in talks throughout the state and in meetings and interviews since they returned to Frankfort this week. One issue all seem to be talking about is the toll heroin is taking on Kentuckians. Members of both the House and Senate have looked at approaches in dealing with this issue, with one approach already put into the form of legislation approved in a legislative chamber during the first week of the session.

SB 5, approved by the Senate, calls for stronger punishments for heroin dealers as well as better support for treatment programs. The bill also provides for administration of naloxone, a medication used to counter the effects of an overdose, by first responders and provides immunity for those individuals and their employers when the drug is administered. The legislation now goes to the House for consideration.

Now that lawmakers have closed out the first week of the session, they are scheduled to return to the Capitol on Feb. 3.

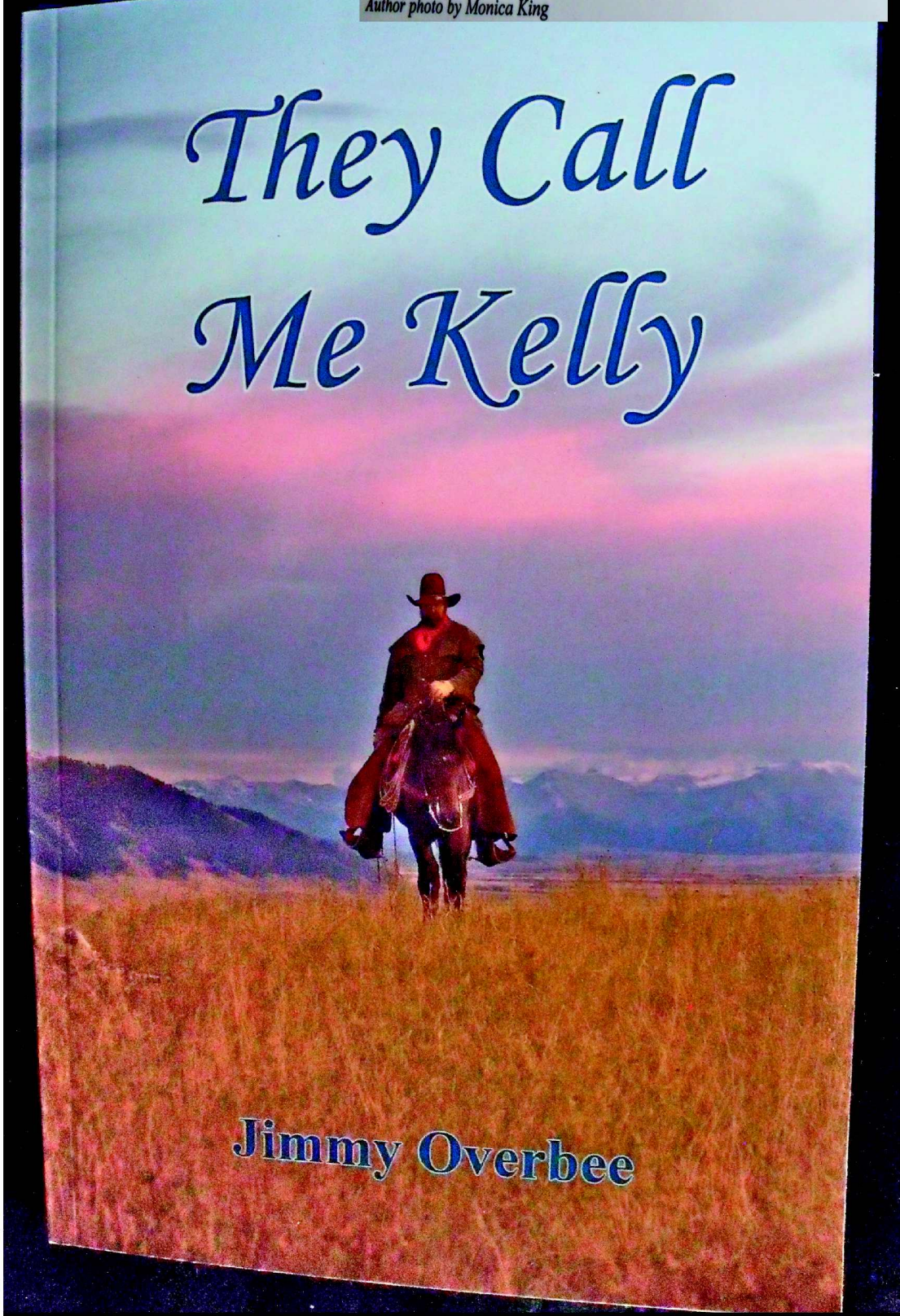
The Kentucky Legislature Home Page, www.lrc.ky.gov, provides information on each of the Commonwealth’s senators and representatives, including phone numbers, addressees, and committee assignments. The site also provides bill texts, a bill-tracking service, and committee meeting schedules.

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Courthouse Page

Lee County District Court

A session of Lee District Court was held Tuesday, January 6, with Judge William D. “Bo” Leach presiding. The cases published here are those that showed some movement.

Arraignment/Hearing Docket: The case against Hallie B. Cornett (no year given) was dismissed per a prior docket entry.

Upon the recommendation of the Commonwealth, the case against Avel Newton, Jr., (1969) was dismissed without prejudice.

Bobby W. Brewer (1967) paid restitution in full.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Darlene Willis (1971). The charge is giving officer false name or address.

Hawey D. Smith (1977) pled guilty to criminal trespassing in the third degree. The fine was \$100 plus costs.

James Bowling (1972)

pled guilty to violating a city ordinance. The fine was \$25 plus costs.

Paul D. Collins (1954) pled guilty to violating a city ordinance. The fine was \$25 plus costs.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Gregory J. Tirey (no year given). The charge is violation of a city ordinance.

Brittany Darrell (1994) pled guilty to no insurance. The fine was \$500 plus costs.

Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment Docket: A warrant of arrest was issued for Margaret L. Ashcraft (1969). She owes \$180.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Mary N. Boardwine (1978). She owes \$280.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Thomas Caudill (1982). He owes \$205 in one case and \$165 in another.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Billy J. Chatt (1983). He owes \$225.

Timothy John Frye (1984)

paid in full.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Anna M. Gabbard (1982). She owes \$895.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Jason L. Henson (1978). He owes \$1,120.

John King (1987) paid in full.

A warrant of arrest was issued for John B. Moore (1955). He owes \$640.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Casey D. Puckett (1984). Puckett owes \$640.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Dwayne Jefferson Raleigh (1979). Raleigh owes \$355.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Lee K. Rhodes (1979). Rhodes owes \$230.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Dallas Riley (1975). Riley owes \$40.

Jameka S. Shuler (1991) paid in full.

A warrant of arrest was issued for Joyce A. Thacker (1977). Thacker owes \$280.

Deeds

Deed

Gerald Powell and Sylvia Kay Powell of Graysville, TN to James Roach and Elizabeth Roach of Beattyville a tract of land in Lee County.
Recorded January 5.

Deed

Gerald Wireman and Nancy Wireman of KY 1036 to Kevin Wireman and Renee Wireman of KY 1036 a tract of land between Zachariah and Little Sinking.
Recorded January 8.

Deed

William Curtis Vanderpool and Janie Vanderpool of Mays Subdivision Road to the Commonwealth of Kentucky a tract of land along Mays Subdivision Road.
Recorded January 8.



Dean sworn in

Newly elected Circuit Court Judge Michael Dean took office this week after being sworn in by Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. at a ceremony Dec. 8, 2014, in the Supreme Court Courtroom at the state Capitol in Frankfort. Judge Dean serves Estill, Lee and Owsley counties.

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Marriages

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Three Forks Jail Report

William E. Abner, charge: failure to appear; charge: failure to appear.

Jerry Addison, charge: assault 4th degree no visible injury; charge: assault 4th degree no visible injury; charge: robbery 2nd degree; charge: assault 2nd degree.

Samantha Banks, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol.

Shayla L. Barger, charge: commitment order.

Diane Browning, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol.

Ingrid Byrd, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: possession controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense.

Jeffery W. Callahan, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense.

Jose Castro, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: no operators/moped license; charge: failure to produce insurance card; charge: no registration receipt.

Jordan Clevenger, charge: failure to appear.

Jennifer C. Davis, charge: parole violation for felony offense; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others u/\$500.

Issac Flores, charge: alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd offense.

Donnie Frost, charge: unlawful possession of meth precursor 1st offense; charge: possession of marijuana.

Gene Allen Glover, charge: trafficking in controlled substance 2nd or > offense; charge: possession controlled substance 2nd degree.

April Haste, charge: weekender.

Beatrice Howell, charge: probation violation for fel-

ony offense.

Stephanie T. Johnson, charge: failure to appear.

Carl Richard Little, charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense; charge: disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

Hustriberto Martinez, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: disorderly conduct 1st degree.

Netta J. Mclemore, charge: serving bench warrant for court; charge: leaving scene of accident, failure to render aid or assistance.

Dustin B. Montgomery, charge: probation violation for technical violation.

Adam Noble, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence no visible injury.

James E. Noble, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury.

Michael Pelfrey, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense.

Marlena Phillips, charge: burglary 2nd degree.

Travis Phillips, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition pocket picking u/\$500.

Michelle R. Robinson, charge: trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense; charge: persistent felony offender.

Eddie Shoemaker, charge: serving warrant for other police agency; charge: wanton endangerment 1st degree.

Bruce Smith, charge: non payment of fines.

Cory E. Smith, charge: criminal mischief 1st degree.

Chasity J. Tays, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense.

Jeffery C. Turner, charge: wanton endangerment 1st degree, police officer; charge: receiving stolen property u/\$10,000;

charge: criminal mischief 3rd degree; charge: failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation; charge: speeding 26 mph over or > over limit; charge: operating on suspended or revoked operators license; charge: fleeing or evading police 1st degree, motor vehicle; charge: reckless driving.

Eliza D. Tutt, charge: failure to appear.

Benny R. Vires, charge: persistent felony offender I; charge: trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense, methamphetamine; charge: unlawful possession of meth precursor, 1st offense; charge: trafficking in controlled substance within 1000 feet of school; charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess.

Cassandra Watts, charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/\$500; charge: serving bench warrant for court.

Legal

Section 92.03 – subsection (I)

DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE: Any structure, which for wants of repair, lack of sufficient fire escapes, deterioration, the accumulation of trash, garbage, or debris, being a haven for insects, rodents, or other vermin, is unsafe, unsanitary, especially liable to fire loss, unfit for human habitation, occupancy or use, or is dangerous or injurious to the health or safety of the occupants of the structure, or the other residents of the neighborhood or city.

Section 92.04 – subsection (D)

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Section 92.04 – subsection (E) – line (2)

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Fruit & Vegetable Plant Orders Lee County Extension Service



- Strawberry (Allstar & Earliglow Varieties) \$13.00 / 100 plants
- Blackberry (Triple Crown) \$3.00 / plant
- Blueberry (Patriot, Blue Crop & Blue Ray Varieties) \$6.00 / plant
Need to order at least one of each for pollination.
- Raspberry (Lauren / Red) \$2.00 / plant (Bristol / Black) \$3.00 / plant
- Asparagus (Jersey Knight Variety) \$1.00 / plant
- Candy Onions \$4.00 / bundle (30 per bundle)

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID

To Place an Order Call or Stop By the Lee County Extension
Service - Ted Johnson, CEA for Agriculture

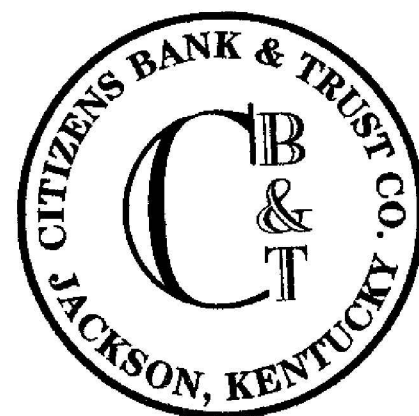
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